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TONIGHT:

Partly cloudy
with a high of 75
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FRIDAY:

Mostly sunny
with a high of 75
and a low of 46.

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Partly cloudy
with a high of 77
and a low of 51.

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Partly cloudy
with a high of 78
and a low of 50.

verbatim

"Jesus was
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Liz Neidig

CCC Accused Of Not Welcoming Gay Students

By JORDY KEITH
Assistant News Editor

When Jessica Brady, currently a sophomore, was without a room at the end of housing selection last year, she moved to an apartment located in an area where she knew she would be happy. She moved into the apartment connected to the Campus Christian Community (CCC) house on Dandridge Street.

Brady, who is gay, did not think she would encounter any problems living in the CCC because of the traditional close ties it has with the group Pride Reflecting Individuality of Sexual Minorities, commonly known as PRISM. However, recent changes have left her, and many other members, feeling as if PRISM members are no longer welcome at CCC activities.

The changes include the removal of the Reconciled in Christ certificate which was given in 1996 by the Lutheran community stating that the CCC was a community that was inclusive of all people, and the removal of informative pamphlets on sexuality.

"The changes were more obvious to me because I live here," Brady said. "The big issue is that I feel spiritually threatened. The CCC has taken a very conservative turn."

Brady said she was kicked out of her church in her hometown because she is gay. Last year when she joined PRISM, the members brought her to the CCC where she said Pastor Daphne Burt told her that Jesus loves everyone, including people who are gay.

Since Brady's first encounter with the CCC, things have changed. Burt left to accept a position as assistant dean of Rockefeller Chapel at the University of Chicago, with Pastor Mohel Morris filling the vacancy, currently acting as the interim minister at the CCC.

"We haven't changed anything about how we welcome people," Morris said. "Members of our ministry team are lesbian. They take an active part in leadership, so it's kind of okay."

Other members of the CCC have also noticed a different sort of development at the center.

"It's not hostility; it's an absence of support," said Liz Neidig, a junior who is a member of the student ministry team and a member of PRISM. "Things have disappeared from the CCC."

The main issues about which students have complained is

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Faculty Senate To Seek Student Input On Gen Ed Motion

By JESSICA CLEMENTS
Staff Writer

At the Oct. 4 Faculty Senate meeting, senior Cristabel Opp, Academic Affairs Council chair, asked the faculty to delay making a decision on the proposed motion to limit the number of allowed transferred general education courses to only three. Opp asked for the delay in order to have time to collect student input on the matter.

"I felt that gathering student opinion and informing the student body about the motion was worth waiting to vote for a month," Opp said. The faculty agreed. After lengthy discussion, the Faculty Senate tabled the motion until their November meeting so that the student voice can be heard, though several faculty senators are prepared to vote for the motion regardless.

Christina Kakava, associate professor of linguistics and faculty senator, respects student opinion, but at the same time wishes to consider all aspects of this motion.

"I believe that we need to look at the broader picture more carefully and if indeed we decide to go against students opinion, we need to explain to them why we felt compelled to do it," Kakava said.

According to Opp, students will have the chance to state their opinions formally before the Faculty Senate votes on the motion again.

"The Student Opinion Committee will be conducting a poll to gather student opinions," she said.

Jennifer Agee, sophomore business major, transferred in a



File Photo

Elizabeth Lewis supports
the motion to limit
transferred gen ed credits.

College Hosts Program To Attract Minority Students

By TERESA JOERGER
Associate Editor

Although most high schools did not hold classes on Columbus Day, some students from the Northern Virginia area went to school anyway. Two buses of them arrived around 9 a.m. at Mary Washington College as part of a new program, "Columbus Day Road Trip," the most recent tool being used by the Office of Admissions to recruit students of color to the college.

Around 70 minority students came from Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia and Fredericksburg to participate in the day-long event that included an information session, campus tours, an opportunity to sit in on various classes and lunch with Mary Washington College students.

"Our goal was to attract more students of diverse backgrounds and make it easier for them to see the campus and what it is all about," said Lawrence Nightingale, assistant dean of admissions.

Nightingale explained that, according to area high schools, many of their students would like to visit the campus, but just have no way to get there. As a result, the Office of Admissions created the Columbus Day program to bring more students who are interested in attending Mary

Washington College to the campus. He also said that the college concentrated on the Northern Virginia area because 75 percent of the college's diverse population originates there.

The program impressed Robert E. Lee High School senior Janie Nhan.

"I like being able to get a closer look at the school than most potential students get," the Fairfax County student said. "It's a really well-structured program and a great opportunity for high school students to get an idea of what college life will be like."

According to Martin Wilder, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions, the program is just one of many adjustments the college has made to its recruiting process to bring more students of color to campus. Some others include revising the "Celebrating Cultural Diversity" brochure to update messages and pictures and changing the format of "Cultural Diversity Weekend" based upon what current students and past participants have said.

In addition, Wilder said that the college revises the content and images of recruitment publications yearly, sponsors the Visions program (an admissions open house that brings a diverse group of students to the college from Virginia and surrounding areas), personally contacts



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Heather Norwood, a student at Annandale High School, listens attentively to her campus tour guide.

students via telephone, email, and individualized mailings, strategically uses application fee waivers, interacts with high school counselors and program directors, and uses targeted scholarships.

Admissions

representatives also travel to high schools hosting college recruitment events to talk to potential students.

"We do recruit at schools"

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Student Voting Woes Continue

By CAROLINE WALLINGER
Staff Writer

Richmond's NBC-12 came to campus Friday to talk to students about voting issues, including the difficulties encountered by on-campus students attempting to register to vote in Fredericksburg.

The controversy over students voting in city elections arose last spring after then-sophomore Brevin Balfrey-Boyd tried to register to vote in the city and was unsuccessful. Balfrey-Boyd captured the attention of the city only after contacting the American Civil Liberties Union.

Despite the ACLU's involvement, students are still encountering obstacles

when attempting to register.

Senior Travis Morgan, webmaster for The Bullet, and freshman Meredith Hite were both recently denied registration, even though Hite's older brother Ben, a senior who lives off campus, is already registered to vote in Fredericksburg.

Many students want to register to vote in the city, and not in their hometown, because they feel more involved in issues affecting Fredericksburg.

The Legislative Action Committee of the Student Government Association held a voter drive several weeks ago in an attempt to get more students to vote in this year's election. According to the State Board of Elections and the Congressional Research Service, only 49.08 percent of the voting age population voted for

president in 1996, with 47.54 percent in Virginia voting.

Legislative Action Committee chair John Lydon, a senior, said the group took applications from students to receive absentee ballots and helped direct off-campus students to the city registrar, Fran Sullivan.

"She took our applications with no problem for the most part," Lydon said. A few applications were returned on the basis that Sullivan could not find proof that the applicants lived legally in Virginia.

"We mainly tried to get students who lived off campus and had a claim to call Fredericksburg their home," Lydon said. "We want students to be able to vote, and we want them to be able to vote where they want, but at the same time we also want to work with the city."

Sullivan said the criteria she uses to decide whether to issue registration cards to students is complicated.

"The voter oath states that an applicant is a U.S. citizen of voting age and a legal resident of Virginia," Sullivan said. "When I register people I try to find out where their legal domicile is."

Sullivan said she looks to see if applicants have cars registered in the city, if they work or pay taxes in the city, or if they have reason to claim Fredericksburg as their place of residence.

Sullivan said Balfrey-Boyd informed her that he had no ties to his former home in Roanoke and therefore considered Fredericksburg to be his home, so she registered him. Likewise, students who live off campus have more than a post office box and can claim residence in Fredericksburg.

"Basically since I'm a college student I can't register," Hite said. "My brother could register because [Sullivan] can't prove he's a college student, since he lives off campus. Her reasoning is that I don't have a car registered here so I can't register to vote."



Corey Byrnes/Bullet

SGA President Kelly Turic and LAC Chair John Lydon discuss student voting issues.

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Compiled by Mark H. Rodeffer

Monkeys Attack Drivers on I-95

Three monkeys hurled bananas and crab apples at cars on Interstate 95 south of Richmond and then fled into the woods, police in Jarratt, Va. said. A driver whose van had been pelted with fruit flagged down State Trooper Mike Scott. As the cop spoke to the driver, he said, something hit the van. "Lo and behold there were three brown monkeys in an oak tree throwing crab apples," Scott said. The primates jumped down, ran across the highway and escaped into more trees. Police believe the monkeys escaped while being transported to a circus.

Group Seeks To Clone Jesus

A secretive religious group called The Second Coming Project is tired of waiting for Jesus Christ to return to Earth, so they have decided to try to clone him. Members of the group see cloning technology as a chance to literally bring Christ to the modern age, find out exactly how divine he is and perhaps work a miracle. "I'm hoping it will bring world peace," a source within the group told Fox News. The group hopes a cloned Jesus fetus could be placed in a female volunteer's womb and then carried to term in a totally immaculate conception. The birth is tentatively scheduled for Dec. 25, 2001, and the mother does not necessarily have to be a virgin, the source said.

Dr. Laura Apologizes For Comments

Controversial radio talk show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger, a physiologist, took out a full page ad in Daily Variety Wednesday to apologize for her anti-gay comments. Schlessinger, who has called gays and lesbians "biological errors," said that protests aimed at knocking her low-rated television show off the air have been "personally and professionally devastating." Gay activists decried the apology as hollow.

Porno In Prison?

Florida's prison system is considering using sexually suggestive videos and tape-recorded sexual talk in the treatment of imprisoned sex offenders. Officials hope to use the sexually explicit material to offer behavior therapy to sex offenders in order to condition them away from deviant sexual arousal.

CCC Changes Anger Gay Students

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missing is the Reconciled in Christ certificate that was hung in 1996 by the student ministry team. It was taken down in September and has since been placed in a filing cabinet.

Morris explained that the CCC Board, composed of members from supporting churches, community members, and alumni, decided to take the certificate down because they had never originally voted on allowing the hanging of the certificate.

"The board said they had never voted that the CCC was a Reconciled in Christ Community," she said. "Rather than taking on a label, [the board] felt the mission statement of the CCC was a good statement and they added one phrase into it that they felt answered that."

The added sentence of the mission statement reads that people "regardless of race, color, age, gender, denominational preference, sexual orientation or handicapped condition" are welcomed by the CCC.

Neidig disagrees with this rationale. "It's not important enough [for us] to put it in a constitution that no one reads," she said.

Sonya Shifflett, treasurer of the CCC Board, said she does not recall ever voting to take down the certificate.

"We discussed what [the certificate] meant and adjusted the mission statement and our constitution," Shifflett said. "In my opinion [the certificate] should be there."

Donna Deats, another member of the board, expressed her disappointment with the absence of the certificate.

"We never said that we were going to take down the certificate, Deats said. "I'm pretty disappointed in the fact that it was taken down and that nothing was put up to say that we are an inclusive organization."

Besides the certificate, other welcoming signs to PRISM members have been taken away from the CCC. The "Our Sexuality is a Gift from God" pamphlet, which was written by Burt, is no longer available to students at the CCC.

Morris explained this decision. "Pastor Daphne is not here anymore, and we do not feel that our primary mission is people's sexuality," she said. "It's a part of their lives, but it's not primarily. It's not our main mission."

Neidig and some other students feel that the removal of the pamphlets send students a different message.

"She doesn't think it should be a focus here anymore, but it was never a focus," Neidig said. "It was a sign that we could talk about sex here."

Brady explained why she felt the presence of the pamphlets and the certificate was significant at the CCC.

"I felt it was very important that members of PRISM knew they were welcome in the CCC," she said. "I was happy that openly gay students could come out as a sexual minority and as a person of faith."

Deats said that the board was not notified of the removal of the pamphlets. Although the board is not normally notified of smaller decisions about how the center is run, she thinks that "if it is affecting the students as much as it appears to be, we should have been notified."

Tammie Willis, a member of PRISM and the CCC for the past three years, is one of the people who has made the decision not to return to CCC events because of how she feels she is treated.

"It's really sad when you walk in and you see Pastor Mochel walking and talking to everyone, but when she gets to the gay and lesbian section of the table, she stops," Willis said.

Willis said she is saddened by the changes because she, and others, used to feel so comfortable at CCC functions.

"Being in a Christian environment helped me to find the ability to forgive people," Willis said. "I wouldn't have had that experience if the CCC hadn't been open to my sexuality and to my religious beliefs."

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Tammie Willis

Neidig agrees with Willis.

"Jesus was always hanging out with the dregs of society. He said that we're all God's children, so get used to it," she said.

Deats agrees. "We put up a mission statement that says we are an inclusive organization, but some students come here and get smacked in the face," Deats said.

Other student leaders of the CCC are also working with members' concerns.

Suzanne Perry, co-president of the CCC, said she was aware that there were some new problems between the CCC and PRISM.

"I feel that there are some changes being made and I can understand where they are coming from, but the CCC is still a welcoming community," she said.

Brady said she feels some changes need to be made in the near future to improve relations between the two groups.

"I don't feel very comfortable coming to programs and services anymore," Brady said. "I want to feel comfortable in my own house."

Corrections:

The Oct. 12 article "Alumna ABC Correspondent Speaks To Classes On Campus" should have stated that Judy Muller began her career in commercial radio.

The Oct. 12 article "Passport To The World" in the Features section listed the incorrect phone number for International Academic Services. Students interested in studying abroad should call 654-1010.

College Sets Sights On Diversity

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with high concentrations of minority students." Wilder said. "We do regularly visit high schools in Arlington and other areas of Northern Virginia, Richmond City, Hampton, Norfolk, Newport News and Washington, D.C. In addition, we attend every college day or night program in Virginia, including those in Southside and in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula areas."

He also added that admissions officials attend Washington D.C. and Baltimore national college fairs, and programs of the National Scholarship Fund for Negro Students.

Nightingale said that the college can only do so much for recruitment, but in the end, it depends upon the students themselves.

"We have increased our efforts to attract students of a diverse population and make them more excited about Mary Washington, but it all comes down to the students who apply," Nightingale said. "We have not seen a huge increase in the number who apply since two years ago."

The current minority enrollment at Mary Washington College is 12 percent, with half comprised of African American students and the other half made up of Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern and other minority students, according to the Office of Admissions. In addition, the minority enrollment at James Madison University currently is 11 percent, and at the College of William and Mary it was 14.9 percent in 1999.

Wilder added that over the past few years, the number of Asian and Hispanic students at the college has increased, while the number of African American students has stayed the same.

"Our goal is always to increase diversity enrollment



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Sophomore Jessie Isaacs, a Washington Guide, leads the group on a campus tour.

from last year," Nightingale said.

High school senior Tabia Munir, from Edison High School in Fairfax County, said that her visit to the college helped her decide to apply here.

"This program is very informational. It was a good thing to come to," she said.

Ristyn Banks, a senior from Bell Multicultural High School, added that his visit was a great experience and has helped him to make his decision.

He will be here in the fall under one condition; "If they let me in."

Police Beat

By ELIZABETH WATERS

News Editor

▼ ALCOHOL

Oct. 5—College police received a call about alcohol poisoning in Mason Hall. A college police officer found a student vomiting in the shower in a Mason Hall bathroom and called the rescue squad. The student, who had just had an argument with his girlfriend and had taken allergy medicine, was transported to Mary Washington Hospital. The incident was reported to the administration.

Oct. 7—A college police officer riding a bicycle near Brent Hall noticed a student helping another walk. The officer stopped and spoke to the students and said he smelled alcohol. Both students submitted to a breathalyzer. One had a blood alcohol level of .198 and the other student's was .03. The students, who said they had been drinking for several hours, were taken to Night Haven. The incident was referred to the administration.

Oct. 8—Residence Life staff confiscated six 12 oz. bottles of Miller Lite from a student's room in Marshall Hall.

Oct. 8—An intoxicated student sleeping in a bed in Mason Hall was unresponsive when a college police officer tried to wake the student. A police officer used ammonia to rouse the student, called the rescue squad, and administered a breathalyzer. The student's blood alcohol level was .14. The student was taken to Night Haven. The incident was referred to the administration.

▼ LARCENY

Oct. 9—Petit larceny occurred in Seacock Hall. A student reported for his job at the dining hall and left a blue Nautica jacket in the South Room draped over a chair. When he returned later, the jacket, valued at \$50, was missing. The room was not open to students at the time.

▼ VANDALISM

Oct. 7—Residence Life staff called college police to report vandalism and destruction of public property in Westmoreland Hall. An unknown person drew lines on the wall on the second floor of the building with a dry-erase marker and also destroyed a window screen. The cost of repairing the damage was estimated at \$100.

▼ MISCELLANEOUS

Oct. 3—Computer and Network Services reported to college police that someone had used an unpublished IP address to improperly access the college's computer network. Upon investigation, college police found that the unpublished IP address was being used by a student in a residence hall room. The administration has decided to handle the incident and not press criminal charges for theft of computer services and computer trespassing.

Oct. 10—An administrative search was conducted in a student's room in Russell Hall. The police, who suspected that drugs had been used in the room, found no illegal drugs but did find drug paraphernalia. The incident is being handled by the administration and no criminal charges were filed.

Campus Information

▼ Students interested in a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering are invited to apply for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program. In April, the Foundation will award scholarships to students who will be juniors or seniors in the 2001-2002 school year. The scholarship covers expenses up to \$7,500 per year. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 1, 2001. Interested sophomores and juniors should contact John Temple in the biology department at (540) 654-1533 by Nov. 1. Visit www.act.org/goldwater for more information on the scholarship.

▼ The works of New York based artist Nancy Spero will be on display through Dec. 15 at the Riddherhof Martin Gallery. The exhibit, "Sheela Does Fredericksburg," is a collection of works on paper, video, and installation pieces. For more information, contact Thomas Somma at (540) 654-1013.

▼ The Friends of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra will host "Fiddletix," a classical musical series for young children, on Monday, Oct. 16. The concert will take place at the Washington Avenue Mall and is open to the public without charge. The program, titled "An Afternoon of Bagpipes," will feature musician Ray Scott, professor of chemistry at the college. The concert will begin at 4:30 p.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult. In the case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in Kennmore's Crownshield Building. For more information, contact Ann Powell at (540) 373-9557.

▼ The sixth annual Fredericksburg AIDS Walk will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4, rain or shine. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in Ball Circle and the 5K walk will start at 10 a.m. Those participating are asked to walk in groups formed of community agencies, school groups, etc. All funds raised go directly to Fredericksburg Area HIV/AIDS Support Services (FAHASS). For further information and registration materials, contact the Office of Student Activities at (540) 654-1200 or FAHASS at (540) 371-7532.

▼ The Historic Preservation Club will hold its 16th Annual Ghost Walk on Friday, Oct. 27, and Saturday, Oct. 28. The hour-long tours will run every 10 minutes between 6 and 9 p.m., beginning at Market Square, behind the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center located at 907 Princess Anne St. The Ghost Walk features 13 sites including the James Monroe Museum, the Mary Washington House, and the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop. Reservations must be made in advance and will be taken beginning Oct. 1. Tickets for the event are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. Mary Washington students, and senior citizens. For more information or to register for the Ghost Walk, call (540) 654-1316.

▼ SGA Info:

The Student Media Council has elected Sean Walsh as the Chairman for the upcoming year.

SGA would like to remind students that Spirit Week is coming up after Fall Break. There are a lot of fun activities planned. Come out and watch the Homecoming fireworks on Oct. 21.

Viewpoints

your opinions

Student Voting Rights

One of the greatest tragedies in American democracy is that half of American citizens stay at home on election day. According to the State Board of Elections and the Congressional Research Service, only 49 percent of the national voting age population voted for president in 1996, and only 48 percent of eligible Virginians cast a vote.

In an age of trying to increase voter participation, Fredericksburg's policy of not allowing on-campus Mary Washington College students to register to vote in the city is discriminatory and wrong.

To register to vote in Fredericksburg, an applicant must be "a U.S. citizen of voting age and a legal resident of Virginia." In addition, ways to measure the criteria include checking to see if they work in the city, pay taxes in the city, or if they have reason to claim Fredericksburg as their place of residence.

A study by a Mary Washington College economics professor showed that the college and its students directly to contribute \$28 million to the Fredericksburg economy annually. The businesses which receive that \$28 million spend it somewhere else, creating a \$65 million ripple effect.

In last year's Census, students at Mary Washington College were told to fill out the form at college, not at their homes. While the Census is today used for a variety of federal programs, its initial and only constitutionally-mandated purpose is to count the population so that congressional districts can be divided up among and within the states. It makes no sense that students at Mary Washington College are counted for congressional representation in Fredericksburg yet have no political representation in Fredericksburg.

Of Fredericksburg's approximately 20,000 citizens, over 3,000 are students at the college, according to the city's planning office. So about 15 percent of the city's population is not allowed to vote—because the city wants our dollars but doesn't want to give college students a say on policies matters that effect the everyday lives of students.

Without Mary Washington College Fredericksburg would be Culpepper. Fredericksburg's arcane policy of denying voting rights to students is undemocratic and needs to stop—before Election Day.

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Facts Show RU-486 Is Safe For Women, Students Argue

MELISSA COOPER
Guest Columnist

After reading the guest column about RU-486 in The Bulletin ("RU-486 Draws Opposition," Oct. 5) I felt the need to refute some of the tactics being used.

First, using the term "baby" and "mother" is a ploy to pull at the emotions of the readers instead of offering "as much objectivity as possible," which the authors said they were after.

The second is the use of one sided statistics and quotes. Scare tactics do not work.

The first "fact" I would like to look at is the claim that only a very small number of women would be eligible to use Mifepristone. Other information contradicts this misinformation being spread by the biased National Right To Life Committee. RU-486 is a safe method to terminate a pregnancy, as long as it is not used on women with any of three contraindications: heavy smoking, heart problems or high blood pressure, according to Ontario Consultants on Religious Tolerance and the Childbirth by Choice Trust.

Also, I think it is important to give other opinions on the safety of Mifepristone. Audrey Moran and Sarah

Lucas claimed in their guest column that RU-486 is not as safe for the mother as surgical abortion. The facts do not agree with Moran and Lucas' claim.

According to Ontario Consultants On Religious Tolerance, RU-486 can cause one death in every 500,000 abortions, vacuum aspiration abortion causes one death in 200,000 abortions, childbirth causes one death in 14,300 pregnancies, and illegal abortions cause one death in 3,000 abortions. Safe, legal abortions of any kind are safer than childbirth. Abortions are even safer when looking at women under the age of 18.

Another issue that has been ignored is the many other uses for Mifepristone. The medical community has identified RU-486 as a promising treatment for several major medical problems, including: certain breast cancers, ovarian cancer, meningioma (brain tumor), endometriosis, Cushing's Syndrome, adrenal cancer, glaucoma, uterine fibroid tumors, induction of labor, cervical ripening and contraception. This information is from the Childbirth by Choice Trust.

When looking at other countries where RU-486 has already been approved the difference in the number of abortions is startling. The total in France,

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FAST FACT:

Howard Phillips, who wants to bar gays from working for the government and called for President Clinton's impeachment years before anyone knew the name Monica Lewinsky, is running for president with the Constitution Party.

SARAH MENARG
Guest Columnist

The Food and Drug Administration's recent approval of Mifepristone, or RU-486, has wide ranging implications for women's health.

Not only does it allow a safe and private alternative to surgical abortion, the Institute of Medicine found as long ago as 1993 that RU-486 shows significant effects in treating diseases such as Alzheimer's, AIDS, certain brain tumors, Cushing's Syndrome, endometriosis, glaucoma, meningioma, ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, uterine fibroids and breast cancer.

According to FDA records, more than 600,000 women in Europe have safely used the drug since it was first introduced there.

In a study sponsored by the Population Council, 2,121 women in the United States participated in clinical trials between 1994 and 1995. RU-486 was shown to be effective in the termination of 92 percent of pregnancies. Of the women in the study, 96 percent said they would recommend the drug regimen to others.

Of the women for whom the method failed, 86 percent said they would still

recommend RU-486 to someone else in the same position.

The results of this study, showing that the drug is safe and effective, were published in both the New England Journal of Medicine and the Archives of Family Medicine in 1998.

No woman has ever died as a result of using RU-486, according to a 1999 study by two European researchers who studied 11 years of use of the drug in several European countries. Women who have undergone this procedure compare it to being no more traumatizing or painful than a heavy period.

Mifepristone is a safer alternative to surgical abortion. It is non-invasive and does not cause the woman to undergo the risks of uterine perforation and anesthesia. Nearly half of the obstetricians and gynecologists who do not currently offer surgical abortion as a service have said they would provide medical abortion as an option when RU-486 is approved.

This would allow women in rural areas with no abortion clinics to exercise their constitutionally protected reproductive rights. It would also make it more difficult for anti-choice activists to target clinics.

Abortion is not a political issue. It is a personal issue. All sources I have referred to here are objective, such as medical journals and the FDA. None come from slanted sources with agendas such as the National

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Cartoon by Heather Posey

Read More letters and guest columns on Page 11!

Alternative Plan For Wood Company Suggested

JEFF CAVANO
Guest Columnist

I read two weeks ago with great interest Kevin Lampinen's analysis of the Wood Company ("Senior's Plea To Wood Company," Sept. 28). I agree that the service in Seacobeck is often substandard; however, the problems at Seacobeck have little to do with a shortage of silverware, but more to do with the way Seacobeck itself is managed.

As a former Seacobeck employee (they called us "associates"), probably to make sure we were indicted

if it turned out the Wood Company was a Mafia front!) I can verify that many of the problems with Seacobeck are due to a chronic shortage of labor.

There are just too few people working there. That means that with the sheer volume of work that needs to be done to keep the Rose Room running during lunch time, vital tasks just don't get done because no one has the time to do them.

With all the flyers that come out about hiring opportunities, you'd think they could keep it fully staffed, right? Unfortunately, they have the very devil of a time keeping people hired. While I was there, the average student quit in about two months.

The reasons are that it was not a good work

environment, there was poor management and poor pay for the amount of work that had to be done. Also while the work shift is supposed to end at 8:30 p.m., employees were often there past 9 p.m. While I was working for the Wood Company, it was the rare evening that I got back to my room before 9 p.m.; there were a few nights when I was in Seacobeck Hall until 10 p.m.

Seacobeck has labor problems on the management side, as well. The first manager I had left to return to her former job; the second lasted for three months and quit. (When he was first hired, my first bit of advice to him was "I swear this is true—was 'prepare your resume.'" So

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Wood Company Seen As Effective In Current State

JOHN SCHIRRIPIA
Guest Columnist

As a resident freshman here at the college, I would like to clarify the issue of the service of the Wood Company.

For the past month or so, I have experienced the Melting Pot Café, Pete's Arena and several other dining spots that contain food served by the Wood Company. The service has been acceptable even though Seacobeck is not considered what we all call "fine dining" or anything close.

The first issue I wish to concern is the hard working employees of the company, especially the managers. These managers are dressed more formally than the

workers. Well, they should be considering they are what their job title describes them as, managing the work done by their employees.

I have never seen one of these managers standing around. They have been making sure everything is in check during the periods of slow business in the dining halls.

When the business picks up, the managers are bustling about; restocking the glasses, silverware, trays and dishes. They refill the beverage machines and empty food containers and still have enough time to ask how the meal was as you leave the dining hall.

As far as the workers go, they are there to keep the place clean, and it has been. They are hired to keep the food coming for the thousands of people that eat at Seacobeck, and they have been.

Kevin Lampinen claimed in his guest column ("Senior's Plea To Wood Company," Sept. 28) said the manager fill their day by "standing around looking tough." That has not been something I've noticed anywhere in the dining halls, except for the baseball players.

Now the infamous noon rush must be addressed. The majority of people across campus and across the world head for a midday lunch break when the clock strikes twelve. That is simply the time when the biological clock in all of us says, "It's time to eat." So of course, a rush is expected in the Seacobeck Dining Hall at that time.

Small changes could be made to alleviate the problem but a final elimination of the rush is not probable. I mean,

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Letters to the Editor

Graduate Benefits From Language Requirement

Editor:

As a recent graduate of Mary Washington College who double majored in French and international affairs and is currently living and teaching in Valenciennes, France, I access The Bulletin Online to read MWC news every so often.

One of the articles in this last's edition particularly struck me. It was the one about

language classes being too hard ("Students Bemoan Difficult Foreign Language Classes," Oct. 5). Yes, I was a language major and I do like studying languages, but I also found the classes to be tough. But they weren't so hard that I wanted to go to another school to find an easier course. The courses were what I expected from a college language course. They were challenging enough that they

forced me to actually learn the language and be able to converse in it. What horror! I realize that the classes seem hard, and they move quickly, but this is college not high school where things move a little more slowly. College classes in general move rapidly from one subject to another.

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Aquarius - Expect a release of energy and a change of conditions as early as mid-month. Don't jump the gun and run away from the situation.

Pisces - By next month you'll have a completely new perspective on many things in your life. In the meantime, remain calm, cool, and collected.

Aries - Those in a position to share your life or be part of your projects may not be keeping their end of the bargain. Family members may not give you the emotional support you need.

Taurus - A more committed relationship could be the most important thing in your life. Don't let frustrations with work or career matters affect your well being.

Gemini - You may need to spend more time in diligent research in order to catch up with the details involved with new projects.

Cancer - Although you may be aware of the need to let matters run their own course, it is hard to avoid the aggravations and frustrations of playing a waiting game.

Leo - The constant delays you encounter in legal areas or with projects you wish to publicize, could make you more feisty and impatient than usual.

Virgo - Many situations that relate to your public life and home situation may need time to jell. You seem to have everything under control.

Libra - Although you are tapped to head important new projects, your own self-esteem could suffer if you wait for others to give you permission to act.

Scorpio - Although you have an opportunity to work in an intellectually challenging way, you may not be able to bring about an ultimate reward for your efforts until early next year.

Sagittarius - Even your best friends may not be able to help you with new career plans. You need to take care of your own research and analysis of public goals.

Capricorn - Discussions with someone with whom you share a committed relationship could result in an exciting turn of events.

Burn Baby, Burn!



Internet Provides Access To Free Music

By JASON SMITH
Staff Writer

At 3:00 p.m. a Mary Washington College student returned to her residence hall room after class and booted up her computer. On the way to her residence hall, a friend had asked her if she remembered that "classic U2 song about the blue sky."

At 3:01 p.m. she double clicked on the eerie icon of a small, blue haired, pale skinned face and watches the words "Logging On To Server" flash across the screen.

At 3:02 p.m., online and connected, she clicked the search button and types the words "U2" and "The Joshua Tree" before pressing "Find It."

At 3:03 p.m. lists of songs from U2's album "The Joshua Tree," which are available for download from other user's

computers, appear, and she chooses all 11 album songs from a user named "U2phantic" and clicks "Get Selected Songs."

Her computer connects to U2phantic's computer (which happens to be at a nearby university) directly, and begins downloading the songs.

At 3:10 p.m. with the entire album downloaded, she clicked on the files; automatically starting a program called "WinAmp" and proceeded to enjoy 50 minutes of music playing on her computer speakers. Later she will "burn" the songs to a CD using her computer's CD writer so that she can play the album in her car.

The above scenario occurred last week, and situations just like it occur dozens of times at Mary Washington College, thousands of times in the United States, and millions of times in the world every single day.

The computer application that makes it possible: Napster (<http://www.napster.com>). It is the flagship program among a host of "peer-to-peer" file sharing software titles that have launched a digital music revolution.

Napster has given virtually anyone with Internet capability instant access to hundreds of thousands of songs in the form of ".MP3" files, many of which (but not all) were "ripped" (meaning copied from store bought CDs to files). Programs such as Scour Exchange (<http://www.scour.net>) and Gnutella (<http://www.gnutella.wego.com>) perform similar services. This software spares the consumer a trip to the music

store, allows users to pick and choose selected songs from various albums, and gives people access to music they probably would not actually pay money for. Does this sound too good to be true?

The catch is that distributing or downloading copyrighted music without the owner's permission (usually the artist or record company) is might be a violation of federal, and sometimes state, copyright law. This issue is the basis for a slew of recent lawsuits filed by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) and even some individual artists such as Metallica and Dr. Dre, among others, against Napster.

But legal ramifications don't seem to concern many Napster users, and alarmed music industry experts have charged that consumer demand seems to be dictating morals. The theme seems to be that if people want it, then it's ethical to supply. It is a notion that many people disagree with, but that sometimes falls to the wayside when access to questionable material (illegal MP3 songfiles in this case, Internet pornography a few years ago) becomes easily and widely available.

Dick Starkey, a junior, has few qualms about downloading songs from the Internet.

"I use it all the time, and I think I have thought about the ethical implications," Starkey said. "I figure that it might not be right to download songs, but I am not going to spend \$15 on a CD if I like one song on it when I can get the song for free."

Elizabeth Becker, a junior, has mixed feelings about Napster.

"My feelings are not the norm," Becker said. "I think in some cases Napster is really good...it can be used as a promotional tool for new bands. But for people like Metallica, I believe it is taking away from their profits. I haven't [personally used it] at all this year but last year I used it about five times to get songs that are not available on CD."

Napster has gone from a few hundred users at its inception to an estimated 30 million users in less than two years, making it the fastest growing Internet company in terms of user base according to digital

head-counter Media Metrix.

But not all Napster users are breaking the law. Napster advocates are quick to point out that popular technology savvy artists have legally licensed some of the available music for electronic distribution. In fact, some so called "garage bands" are having success in jump-starting their musical careers by distributing their music digitally to a wider audience than was previously available.

Last year, Dr. Dre and Metallica filed suit against Yale

University, Indiana University, and the University of Southern California demanding that the schools block student access to Napster on the basis of copyright infringement. School officials agreed to the demands and the suit was dropped.

According to Associated Press articles, all of these suits have occurred within the last year.

Some schools such as The Rochester Institute of Technology decided to ban

Napster on the basis of bandwidth usage. Bandwidth is the rate at which information can be transferred between computers.

The Rochester Institute of Technology claimed that Napster downloading and file sharing was slowing down the school network. More recently, Metallica hired a consulting firm to collect the user names of Napster users who were sharing copyrighted Metallica music over a period of several days. The

resulting list of hundreds of thousands of user names was dropped at the doorstep of Napster's California headquarters and those users were ultimately banned from the Napster network, though many banned users claim to have found ways around the restrictions. A barrage of pro-Napster decisions and support has followed these early victories for anti-Napster groups.

Some Virginia schools have not made policies concerning Napster. James Madison University, the University of Virginia, and Virginia Tech have no official policy regarding Napster, although students must abide by all applicable state and national copyright laws.

Joseph Haynes, director of network services, discussed Mary Washington College's policy regarding Napster.

"Our policy concerning all computer related activity is outlined in the college's Network and Computing Policy," he said. "The policy requires users to operate within the appropriate federal and state laws, including copyright laws."

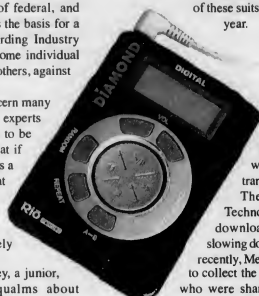
Mary Washington College's monitoring of Internet traffic has not revealed a significant problem.

"Network Services does monitor Internet traffic loads on our system caused by Napster," Haynes said. "Napster traffic has not been a problem. It only takes up a small percentage of our bandwidth. If Napster network traffic becomes a problem, we have the capability to further limit the amount of resources it can use."

Student violations are handled by the Network Policy Committee and punishments are dictated on an individual basis. According to Haynes, there have been no Napster-related violations brought to the college's attention.

In September, Harvard University joined several other schools in support of Napster access citing "provider protection" under The Digital Millennium Copyright Act and the belief that not all Napster users utilize the service for illegal purposes. This act says among other things that an Internet access provider is not responsible for illegal distribution of copyrighted material through its own system of which it is unaware.

Furthering Napster's case, Internet research firm Jupiter Communications released a study that found that "People who use Napster and other file-swapping networks to trade MP3 files are more likely to boost their music spending than those who don't use such services." But regardless of whether file sharing is moral—many Mary Washington College students love Napster and the music it provides.



Juliette Gomez/Bullet
Brad Johnson, a sophomore, loads his minidisc player with songs downloaded from the Internet.

College Launched Radio Station 63 Years Ago



MWC On The Air
February 23, 1940

The radio broadcasting class, under the direction of Mr. Harold Weiss, is having quite a bit of fun, especially since they have been able to broadcast from the new studio in Washington Hall.

According to several members of the class, radio broadcasting is not as simple as it sounds, and things do not move along as smoothly putting on a program as one might believe.

The studio must be very quiet while the broadcast is going on the air, a fact which makes it necessary for silent hand-signals to be given from the control room to the studio. Some of the seemingly humorous signs which are used are: cutting off one's throat to mean "off the air," making a circle with thumb and finger to mean "everything is fine," putting the palm toward mouth to

mean "go farther away from the microphone."

The first time Eleanor Donovan broadcasted she forgot to watch for the "off the air" signal and asked of those in the studio and the radio audience as well, "Are we off?"

During a recent program given by the Three Bets, a pencil dropped down into the strings of the piano, causing the next few bars to sound more like a guitar than a piano.

This did not sound on the air, though it nearly sent the Three Bets into hysterics.

When the first broadcast was made over the Richmond station, several amusing incidents occurred. Mr. Weiss left the last page of the script in the control room, and the last page had to be dubbed in. The men who were in the control room cut the MWC orchestra off the air five minutes too soon and June Stoll had to be spirited out of her seat among the orchestra players and up

to the microphone to begin the broadcast before the orchestra's number was completed.

During the broadcast in chapel Tuesday, Mr. Weiss (playing the part of George Washington) had wandered away from the microphone and when his cue came, "I'm sorry, but we have convocation tonight," he was yanked over the mike to say very shyly, "What is convocation?"

Kitty Roberts was signing a song for a program one day and started the song a whole run too soon. She looked at Mr. Weiss in a very appealing, distressed manner to ask him what to do. There was nothing to do but to stick it out, so Kitty did.

Many of the sound effects produced are done by means of records, such as the train whistle record, and the wind record, but others are made by various methods. For instance, the effect of horse hoofs is produced by clapping two coconut shells on a flat surface. The sound of an avalanche is made by shaking a balloon which has been blown up with BB shots in it.

Beginning Monday, any student may witness the daily radio broadcast from Washington Hall at 1:30 p.m. provided they secure tickets from members of the radio broadcasting class and come three minutes before the program goes on the air.

Only 50 tickets are available for each broadcast.



'Ain't No Mountain High Enough'

By LINA PENALOSA
Features Editor

Nietzsche once said, "A few hours of mountain climbing turns a rascal and a saint into two pretty similar creatures."

Though I hold no claims to sainthood, I knew when I read this that I was among the few who truly understood this statement.

Turns out, I was wrong.

I hadn't a clue until I took up lead climbing two summers ago.

Top-roping is the most basic form of aided climbing, followed by lead climbing. Typically, when a climber top-ropes, a length of rope is doubled over with the climber attached to one end, the center of the rope anchored to the rock and the belayer, the person in charge of the climber's safety. With this triangular shape, the climber should never sustain a fall of more than a couple feet. As the climber progresses, the belayer pulls slack out of the rope, keeping it taut.

Lead climbing is another ball game altogether. The belayer is still responsible for keeping the rope taut when

That taunting face of granite had sloughed off enough peels of skin, slivers of fingernails and drops of blood during my previous climbs to foster a clone.

I can remember squinting into a blazing ball of yellow fire peeking over the crest of rock, my chalked hands had already sweating. But I stepped up to the face anyway, and gave myself that familiar pep talk reserved for the climbs that intimidate me. I had heard this pep talk more times than Lou Vega's 'Mambo Number 5' on the top 40 hits.

After a deep breath, I blanked my mind and toed into the first hold. The first 30 feet were smooth. I had been conserving my energy, but the crux was coming up fast. Right foot, then the left. Right hand, then the left. Being only 5 foot 5 the sequence had to be perfect or I wouldn't have been able to reach the critical hold at the crux of the climb. Trying to ignore the searing needles of pain piercing my forearms and the droplets of sweat stinging my eyes, the

two-finger hand-hold glinted in the sun like a sharpened arrowhead.

Thrusting my body up and to the left, I was able to grab a firm hold on the razor. But there was no hold for my left foot.

Two seconds was all I needed, but two seconds is an eternity and my hand had started bleeding again from the needle point hold.

An exhausting nanosecond later I found a foot hold.

Too late. My foot shot out from under me as the weight of my 130 pound frame forced the rock to shear the Band-Aids off my left two middle fingers, exposing torn flesh.

Memories like this one were never far from the surface during the rest of my tutelage, except that instead of falling maybe three feet, I could be falling twice as far.

For the next two days, I climbed from light until dusk. I placed gear while remaining attached to the safety rope my guide held. He would then climb up after me, checking my work.

I greeted each morning with more than a little trepidation, but my confidence was building and by the second half of day three I was leading Ecstasy, a climbing route, without the safety rope. (Technically, there are serious liability issues in permitting a student to lead without the safety rope, but then climbers are notorious for their juvenile disrespect for authority.)

By the end of my three-day training, I could place every piece of gear in any crevice, crack or flake I was presented with.

One month later, it was time to pay a visit to Raven's



A figure-eight knot is a climber's best insurance against rope strain and human error.

Photo courtesy of Jason Roberts.

sided nut the thickness of a half-dollar and the diameter of a dime. Scrounging for my last atom of strength, I heaved my body over the lip of the rock and collapsed into a heap of what felt like liquified muscle and bruised bone.

Rock climbing has the unparalleled ability to elicit unbounded joy and eye-popping expletives in the same instant. Expletives that would make a sailor blush and your God-fearing grandmother somersault in her grave.

It's hard, it hurts like hell, and I can't get enough.

This is the experience I paid \$375 to learn how to do safely.

Not only did I pay as much as most college students do for books; I was going to have to spend at least \$2,000 more. Bumping gear from my climbing partner could only last so long and those lifesaving gadgets don't come cheaply.

Some months later, after careful penny-pinching, I paid the bargain price of nearly \$300 for gear I only needed one hand to hold. And that's not the expensive stuff.

One year later, I have yet to tear off a check for the mechanical wonders, Camelots. Camelots are a recent spring-loaded invention designed for the frustratingly smooth cracks the rest of your gear will jump out of. These devices cost \$65 a piece for the cheapest and up to \$85 for the largest and most expensive.

I can fit the smallest into that tiny pocket within a pocket no one ever uses in their jeans. I need at least four of varying sizes to complete my rack of gear. The good news is that each piece of protective gear ("pro" for short) lasts a lifetime and you don't need a warranty. The bad news is that for a college student, it could take a lifetime to collect.

So as another rock climbing season wanes, I can begin saving for next year when the rascals and the saints meet again on common ground.



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A small fortune in gear, for the purpose of getting dirty.

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Oct. 21: vs. Gettysburg

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Oct. 21: vs. Johns Hopkins

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Sept 20: MWC 2 St. Mary's 1
Sept 21: MWC 0 Greensboro 2
Sept 26: at Shandoah ppd.
Sept 30: MWC 3 Goucher 1
Oct 4: MWC 1 Chris Newport 0
Oct 7: MWC 3 York 1

Womens Soccer

Sept 23: MWC 1 Salisbury State 1
Sept 24: MWC 12 Goucher 0
Sept 26: at Marymount ppd.
Sept 30: MWC 0 Denison 3
Oct 1: MWC 5 Chowan 0
Oct 3: MWC 3 Randolph Macon 0
Oct 7: MWC 3 York 0
Oct 11: MWC 10 Gallaudet 0

Volleyball

Sept 21: MWC 3 Bridgewater 2
Sept 27: MWC 3 Gallaudet 0
Sept 30: MWC 3 Meredith 0
Sept 30: MWC 3 Shandoah 0
Sept 30: MWC 0 Chris Newport 3
Oct 10: MWC 1 SSU 3
Oct 11: MWC 2 Randolph Macon 3

Field Hockey

Sept 23: MWC 0 Johns Hopkins 2
Sept 24: MWC 2 Franklin & Mar. 1
Sept 27: MWC 2 Catholic 0
Sept 30: MWC 5 Bridgewater 1
Oct 3: MWC 2 Salisbury 3
Oct 7: MWC 3 Messiah 1
Oct 8: MWC 5 Mary Baldwin 0
Oct 10: MWC 3 Lynchburg 2



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Kristin Schaible bumps.

athlete of
the week

John Williams

He caught two PAT's
and made a super
diving catch in
intramural flag
football.

Miss American Pie

All-American Impresses On And Off The Field

By KRISTY LEONARD
Assistant Sports Editor



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Anderson tied the MWC career goal mark with her 41st goal.

When Ellen Anderson was five she scored a goal from mid-field during a little league soccer game. The credit, according to Anderson, went to her father.

"My dad was my coach when I was five," she said. "He used to coach all the neighborhood kids and I when we were little."

Now a senior co-captain at Mary Washington College, Anderson, who earned All-American and CAC Player of the Year honors last year, still credits her father, and the rest of her family with much of her success.

It all started with watching her older brother and sister, and her dad the coach, out on the soccer field themselves.

"These were the highlight of my day if I got to go," she recalled. A more recent highlight was getting to play with her family in a coed soccer league.

"That was really fun, actually getting to play with my family members, because I had never done that before," said Anderson, who has been named three-time All-Region athlete while at Mary Washington College, after starting out her career by winning Rookie of the Year honors.

But it has not just been a family affair for Anderson. She also credits MWC Coach Kurt Glaeser for helping her improve her abilities on the soccer field.

"Coach is always pushing us toward our potential," Anderson said. "He's been coaching me for four years and he's really helped me to refine my game and blossom into the player that I am."

Glaeser considers Anderson an important asset to the team and credits her with many of the achievements this and past seasons.

"Ellen has speed, strength, excellent technical ability, excellent field vision, and she's a warrior. She is not someone who merely gives lip service to the concepts: head, heart and muscle," Glaeser said. "She can play well with her back to goal, as well as facing the goal."

Sophomore goalie Mary Snedeker said Anderson fights for and knows where to put the ball.

"Her aggressiveness is one of her strongest qualities," Snedeker said. "She can

see the field better than anyone out there, she controls the entire game."

Sarah Downey, senior and a co-captain, believes Anderson has many characteristics that add up to her performance and authority that she displays on and off the field.

"She's a natural leader," Downey said. "A lot of people look up to her on the team as someone for advice, as a captain or direction on the field. She's an intense person when it comes to soccer, and that's always a good quality to have on your team."

Snedeker said Anderson is not only a solid player, but also a strong leader.

"I think that she's a good captain because she gets everyone focused," Snedeker said. "No matter who we're playing, whether we know it's going to be an easy game or hard game, she gets our heads into it right before we play and tells us what we need to do."

Aside from soccer, Anderson is double majoring in geology and geography. During the 2000 summer session, Anderson had the opportunity to further her knowledge in the geology field by taking part in the DuPont Summer Research Program. She was part of a three-member research team with Jodie Hayob, assistant professor of geology, and senior Paulina Brajer.

"The study was ten weeks long," Anderson said. "In that time, Dr. Hayob, Paulina Brajer and I hiked around the area studying the rocks and interpreting the geologic history of the area. The project was very enjoyable because we got to be outside a lot. We even got to go four-wheeling with our professor!"

The DuPont Summer Research Program is funded by the DuPont Foundation and Mary Washington College. At the end of the ten weeks, an oral presentation was given to all participants, family and friends. Free room and board and a stipend of \$2,500 were added benefits of the program.

Anderson finds her spare time to be limited. She chose to end her research at the end of the second summer session. Hayob, who enjoyed the experience as well, was disappointed that Anderson could not continue her research, but understands the time extracurricular activities require.

"I enjoyed working with Ellen and

would do so again, given the opportunity," Hayob said. "She was a hard worker and had a positive, upbeat attitude. Ellen has been a strong student, in my opinion, in our major program."

Although Anderson devotes, at minimum, 12 hours a week to soccer and has taken on a double major, she still finds time to do something she loves: knitting.

"I have made six sweaters and lots of other projects including baby blankets, onesies, and hats for my friends. I have been knitting ever since my mom forced me to learn a little over six years ago."

Senior teammate Sarah Zelenak said this is just one of Anderson's many talents.

"She is one of the most competent people I know because she can do anything," Zelenak said. "She can cook and she's always knitting."

Anderson's knitting has even become a topic of conversation among her teammates.

"We were joking around that knitting will be what the freshmen do for initiation, like you have to learn to knit to be on the team," Zelenak said, "because she actually taught some of the players how to do it."

Anderson is not certain of her post-graduation plans, but getting a job, making money and soccer are all in her future.

"I'd like to do both, play and coach, after college," Anderson said. "I'd really like to coach little kids because I have really fond memories of my dad coaching me... I think it is important to give back to the community and share my talents with young kids."



Joel Nelson/Bullet

Breaking Out The Brooms

Hockey Team Sweeps Three Games In Four Days

By KURT THURBER
Sports Editor

Mary Washington's field hockey team came through the gauntlet undefeated last weekend by winning three games in four days.

"It was an awesome weekend. We came out with intensity from the very beginning," senior captain Claire VanTil said. "We came out strong from the second the whistle blew until the last whistle."

A victory over sixth-ranked Messiah College followed by wins against Mary

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scores

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Sept. 20: MWC 2 St. Mary's 1
Sept. 21: MWC 0 Greensboro 2
Sept. 26: at Shandorah ppd.
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Sept. 23: MWC 1 Salisbury State 1
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Kristin Schaible bumps.

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Miss American Pie

All-American Impresses On And Off The Field

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Anderson tied the MWC career goal mark with her 41st goal.

When Ellen Anderson was five she scored a goal from mid-field during a little league soccer game. The credit, according to Anderson, went to her father.

"My dad was my coach when I was five," she said. "He used to coach all the neighborhood kids and I when we were little."

Now a senior co-captain at Mary Washington College, Anderson, who earned All-American and CAC Player of the Year honors last year, still credits her father, and the rest of her family with much of her success.

It all started with watching her older brother and sister, and her dad the coach, out on the soccer field themselves.

"These were the highlight of my day if I got to go," she recalled. A more recent highlight was getting to play with her family in a coed soccer league.

"That was really fun, actually getting to play with my family members, because I had never done that before," said Anderson, who has been named three-time All-Region athlete while at Mary Washington College, after starting out her career by winning Rookie of the Year honors.

But it has not just been a family affair for Anderson. She also credits MWC Coach Kurt Glaeser for helping her improve her abilities on the soccer field.

"Coach is always pushing us toward our potential," Anderson said. "He's been coaching me for four years and he's really helped me to refine my game and blossom into the player that I am."

Glaeser considers Anderson an important asset to the team and credits her with many of the achievements this and past seasons.

"Ellen has speed, strength, excellent technical ability, excellent field vision, and she's a warrior. She is not someone who merely gives lip service to the concepts: head, heart and muscle," Glaeser said. "She can play well with her back to goal, as well as facing the goal."

Sophomore goalie Mary Snedeker said Anderson fights for and knows where to put the ball.

"Her aggressiveness is one of her strongest qualities," Snedeker said. "She can

see the field better than anyone out there, she controls the entire game."

Sarah Downey, senior and a co-captain, believes Anderson has many characteristics that add up to her performance and authority that she displays on and off the field.

"She's a natural leader," Downey said. "A lot of people look up to her on the team as someone for advice, as a captain or direction on the field. She's an intense person when it comes to soccer, and that's always a good quality to have on your team."

Snedeker said Anderson is not only a solid player, but also a strong leader. "I think that she's a good captain because she gets everyone focused," Snedeker said. "No matter who we're playing, whether we know it's going to be an easy game or hard game, she gets our heads into it right before we play and tells us what we need to do."

Aside from soccer, Anderson is double majoring in geology and geography. During the 2000 summer session, Anderson had the opportunity to further her knowledge in the geology field by taking part in the DuPont Summer Research Program. She was part of a three-member research team with Jodie Hayob, assistant professor of geology, and senior Paulina Brajer.

"The study was ten weeks long," Anderson said. "In that time, Dr. Hayob, Paulina Brajer and I hiked around the area studying the rocks and interpreting the geologic history of the area. The project was very enjoyable because we got to be outside a lot. We even got to go four-wheeling with our professor!"

The DuPont Summer Research Program is funded by the DuPont Foundation and Mary Washington College. At the end of the ten weeks, an oral presentation was given to all participants, family and friends. Free room and board and a stipend of \$2,500 were added benefits of the program.

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"I have made six sweaters and lots of other projects including baby blankets, onesies, and hats for my friends. I have been knitting ever since my mom forced me to learn a little over six years ago."

Senior teammate Sarah Zelenak said this is just one of Anderson's many talents.

"She is one of the most competent people I know because she can do anything," Zelenak said. "She can cook and she's always knitting."

Anderson's knitting has even become a topic of conversation among her teammates.

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"The ironic thing was that the current players were hurting more than the alumni," he said. "And we weren't even supposed to be going out."

Bratrud expects this year's game to be even better.

"In years past, there was pressure from coach not to go out," he said "But this year, he's letting up for the first time. We can all go out as a team."

Bratrud is eagerly awaiting a chance to play against Worthington. "He's not as quick as he used to be. He's gonna have to bring it on."

"We're too old to be mean... It was just gratifying to win."

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▼ **Thurs., Oct. 19:**
Lip Sync Contest. 7-9:30 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. \$2.

▼ **Thurs., Oct. 19:**
Film Lecture Series. Discussion of "The Matrix." 8 p.m. Trinkle Hall Rm., 204. Free.

▼ **Fri., Oct. 20:**
Concert. Pro-Life Benefit Concert. 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. The Underground. Free.

▼ **Sun, Oct. 22:**
Choral Concert. Mary Washington College Chorus. 7:30 p.m. Dodd Auditorium. Free.

top ten movies

- 1) Meet the Parents
- 2) Remember the Titans
- 3) Get Carter
- 4) The Exorcist
- 5) Digimon: The Movie
- 6) Almost Famous
- 7) Urban Legends: Final Cut
- 8) Bring It On
- 9) The Watcher
- 10) Nurse Betty

Opening This Weekend:
"The Contender," starring Jeff Bridges and Gary Oldman. Rated R.

source:
<http://www.mrshowbiz.go.com>

quote of the week

"I'm not that smart, Pacey; You're just emotionally retarded."

Joey,
"Dawson's Creek"

A Weekend For Art's Sake

By RUTH CASSELL
Assistant Scene Editor

Walking into Cathy Herndon's two story French-yellow Fredericksburg home also means walking into her gallery, her studio space and her visual autobiography. Perched directly inside the door to the left stands a mannequin covered in egg-shaped cutouts of dress pattern material. A large pink neon sculpture of a cross sits in the center of the room and every inch of wall space is covered mostly by Herndon's lifetime of eclectic work.

Herndon's house was one of the first studios that were shown on the 19-stop Artist Studio Tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 7. The tour, which highlighted the work of 31 Fredericksburg area artists, began at the Fredericksburg Center of the Creative Arts (FCCA), of which Herndon is the president.

The tour cost visitors \$10 and proceeds from ticket sales went to support the FCCA and paid for the costs of the event. By way of the city trolley tourists visited both the off-the-beaten-path artist's studios and the better known collection of art galleries, shops and studios in the downtown district.

Herndon said that she compliments the city on its willingness to work with the artists to put together the Artist Studio Tour, as well as organize the other events that took place over the three-day celebration of the arts, the 2nd annual Creative Hands.

"The city has been real nice. They've done all the mailings of the fliers, they paid for the Creative Hands flags, and supplied the city



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

Cathy Herndon stands in front of her work at the Fredericksburg Center for Creative Art.

trolley," Herndon said. The first event of the Creative Hands weekend, the opening of 18 different downtown art galleries and shops, took place during October's First Fridays. First Fridays is a monthly entertainment event that takes place in downtown Fredericksburg on the first Friday of every month.

Originally the art community of Fredericksburg hosted First Fridays events as a way to highlight the arts, according to local potter and shop owner Dan Finnegan.

Then the Fredericksburg Visitor Center took over and made it an outdoor event featuring southern rock bands, cheap beer and food from 6 to 9 p.m. during the summer months. Herndon said that

when the music and the outside fun have to stop because of the cold weather, the art galleries plan to take over and provide the entertainment.

Creative Hands 2000 attempted to put some of the focus of First Fridays back on the art community by providing free admission to local art galleries and downtown craft shop openings during October's First Fridays. The gallery exhibits that opened this past Friday will be open throughout October. Also the FCCA on Sophia Street has monthly exhibits that will open on First Fridays, and shops such as Dan Finnegan's on Hanover Street plan to stay open extra hours to help attract people to the arts.

Many of the same artists, studios, and galleries that held

exhibits on Friday night also opened on Saturday for the FCCA Artist Studio Tour. Finnegan had his ceramic shop, Back Door Pottery, open to the public on Saturday to show how a student works, as well as to display ceramic pots by teachers and students; he also hosted a separate event on Saturday involving the community garden.

For the Community Garden Tile Project on Saturday afternoon more than 100 children turned out to decorate ceramic tiles to be displayed later in the Community Garden.

"The project was also cool because the kids were doing it for the pleasure of doing something, not for the finished project. And it brought a lot of attention to the Community Garden," Finnegan said.

Also during Saturday's Artist Studio Tour some of Fredericksburg's more elusive artists opened their personal studio spaces, galleries, and, in Herndon's case, homes to the public. Blue Door Studios, which houses the work and storage spaces of Elsie C. Hagenlocker, Dee McCleskey, Sharon Ross and Jane T. Woodworth allowed visitors to look at work from both old collections and collections in progress.

"Saturday went really well. They ran out of tickets and maps, so that was great," Hagenlocker said. "A lot of people who were new to Fredericksburg came by and they were the people who were the most interested in the art."

Ross' collection of high energy and color paintings in

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'Meet The Parents': The Pleasure Is Mine

By KEVIN J. HICKERSON

Staff Writer

It's fall again. The cold weather is already here, the leaves are turning color and the motion picture industry is gearing up for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. It's pretty slim pickings in the theatres as of now but if you cannot wait until the holiday season, one movie that will tide you over until then is "Meet the Parents."

Ben Stiller stars as Greg Focker, a registered nurse who plans to marry Pam Byrnes, played by Teri Polo. Stiller plays the role of innocent so well that he should be branded with the word "Sucker" on his forehead. I think his brilliance as a comedic actor is often underestimated by critics.

While Greg prepares to propose to Pam, she finds out that her sister is getting married and that her fiancé has asked their father for permission. Greg decides to put off the engagement until he can ask Pam's father for permission. On to New York to attend the wedding

of Pam's sister and meet the parents.



Robert De Niro

stars as Jack Byrnes,

an ex-

CIA agent who is very protective of his daughters.

Despite what one might think, De Niro does not steal the spotlight at all; he allows Stiller a chance to shine by playing more of a straight man in this film.

Jack dislikes Greg from the beginning and does not give him much chance to prove himself worthy. When they first meet, Jack makes fun of Greg's last name, Focker, pronounced as it is spelled, and tells Greg that his profession of nursing is too feminine.

In between receiving lie detector tests and dodging hidden cameras, Greg is forced to deal with a family that sees everything from Jack's

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Strings Of Success

By AUDREY MORAN
Staff Writer

Thanks to harmonious cooperation between Natasha Petrova Uzunova, Michael Deynov Ivanov and the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra, the orchestra's fall concert this year was a successful U.S. debut for the two native Bulgarians, and an auditory delight for all who attended.

Uzunova on flute, and Ivanov, on clarinet, have both been members of the Vratza Philharmonic for decades, touring mainly in

Europe. They performed solo last Tuesday at Dodd Auditorium, along with two

Mary Washington College students, senior Nicole Steinmetz on flute and junior Meghan Marshall on clarinet. "It was a great experience being able to work with them," Steinmetz said. "They were really sweet, and there wasn't a minute that went by when we weren't laughing at some joke or because of the language differences."

Conductor James Baker led the concert in eight pieces, including Wagner's grand and uplifting Overture to the Meistersingers, Weber's Concertino in E Flat Major, and Tarentella by Saint-Saens, a tune characterized by highly complex rhythm and pitch. Tarentella was the only piece which

they were drawn, followed a central theme that showcased the clarinet and flute.

Baker explained that the orchestra has an exchange program which will allow it to feature artists from Poland and the Czech Republic in its next shows, followed by a Bulgarian conductor.

As the performers were making their way off stage at the end and the clapping was lessening, Baker turned to the audience and called out two words: "December First!" in reference to the upcoming Pops Concert.



Juliette Gomez/Bullet

The College-Community Symphony Orchestra performs in Dodd Tuesday.

Roll Out The Red Carpet For The 'Princess'

By ROBIN RAE MORGAN
Staff Writer

It's late on Sunday evening and the fluorescent glow of the computer monitor highlights Daniel Brown's facial features. His room is accentuated with medieval, pewter statues and fencing equipment and on his far wall hangs a large "The Princess Bride" movie poster, one of his most prized possessions.

Brown, a senior and last year's Fencing Club president, is working diligently at designing advertisements for the upcoming showing of "The Princess Bride" in Dodd Auditorium at the end of October. He has already placed several posters and fliers around campus that beckon other students to delight in what he considers to be one of the best movies of all time.

Brown considers "The Princess Bride," which came out in 1987 and has an all-star cast, to be one of our generation's all time favorite movies.

"The reason we decided on 'The Princess Bride' is that it is full of all kinds of juicy stuff," Brown said. "It has passion, adventure, comedy, mystery, horror, revenge, oh revenge, sweet revenge. I mean it just has a little of everything."

Before his term ended last year, Brown got in touch with Cheap Seats Cinema, the club that brings dollar movies to Dodd Auditorium. He wanted to bring "The Princess Bride" to campus as a fundraising opportunity for the Fencing Club. He learned that Cheap Seats had already planned to bring the movie to the college

and convinced them to do a joint venture with the Fencing Club.

According to Brown, the Fencing Club has always had a small budget that hovers around \$300, making it difficult for the team, which has nearly doubled in size since last year, to afford equipment and become involved in competitions. The small budget was what convinced Brown that he needed help from another club in order to bring the movie to campus.

The Fencing Club and Cheap Seats developed a deal in which both clubs could prosper. Because of the Fencing Club's budget constraints, Cheap Seats will pay for all expenses involved showing the movie on campus, and the

Fencing Club is responsible for all promotional deals and collecting ticket money. In the end, the two clubs will split all proceeds down the middle.

"This deal is on a trial basis," said Michelle Corey, secretary of the Fencing Club. "Cheap Seats has not decided yet if it will commit to future joint ventures with other clubs until they see how this turns out. We are trying our hardest to make this a successful opportunity for both clubs so that Cheap Seats will consider doing this again."

Brown said that the movie will be shown three times so that the entire college community will get a chance to become involved. Prior to the shows, the team plans to fence in front of George

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Where Do You Wish You Were Going For Fall Break?

Photos and interviews by Juliette Gomez



"Skiing in Colorado because I haven't been in a long time."



"Marlboro Flavor Country."



"Panama because the beaches are clear and the women are beautiful."



"Psi U Halloween Party because they give you the sauce."



"Your mom's house."

Rhonda Hutchinson, sophomore James Brundage, sophomore

Francisco Morin, sophomore

Brian Levis, junior

Mary Kovaleski, junior

Creative Hands Make For Unique Art

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acrylic and oil focused on women in the 21st century. Ross' artist information sheet describes her work: "By manipulating color, composition, perspective, movement, odd details and the application of paint, she hopes to present an expression that stands out, that is off just enough so the viewer finds themselves taking a second look."

Mary Washington College also had a link to the events of Saturday's tour. Steve Griffin, professor of art, and Joe DiBella, distinguished professor of art, opened their personal studio space on Caroline Street to visitors.

In the same building Donald Glover, retired distinguished professor of English, has his own personal studio space and exhibited a collection of paintings

focusing on color and organic forms.

"The space that DiBella and Glover have has been studio space for a long time," Griffin said. "But the room I have used to be a tailor shop and just recently came open so I got it."

Griffin, DiBella and Glover's studio was on the last stretch of the Artist Studio Tour. The events of the weekend did not stop there, though.

Regional Virginia Arts Awards were given to local artists and art organizations on Saturday night, and the fun picked back up on Saturday with Ken Crampton's Art Carnival.

The 600 block of Sophia Street was blocked off from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon so that kids and adults alike got the chance to decorate cars that had been donated by people in the

community, according to Cathy Herndon.

The pamphlet for the Creative Hands weekend said this of the Art Carnival, "You'll want to dress in your wackiest wear for this occasion!"



A Sharon Ross painting of a modern woman.

Overbearing "Parents" Are Pretty Funny

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point of view. Jack delights in torturing Greg about his "feminine" profession, and the family does too.

The last thing Greg needs is competition. Pam's ex-boyfriend, Kevin, played by Owen Wilson, happens to be rich and successful, and of course Jack has a high opinion of him. Kevin follows that path of Jesus Christ, makes Greg uncomfortable considering Greg's Jewish background.

The greatest thing about this film is that even if you've never seen it, you have a sense of how the characters will act based on previous characters the actors have portrayed. Almost everyone has seen one of De Niro's greatest hits such as "Deer Hunter," "Taxi Driver," or "Goodfellas." And who can forget Stiller's glib, hard on his luck character in "There's Something About Mary."

If you enjoyed any of the "Austin Powers" movies then you should like this one because Jay Roach directs it. Roach's style generates true representations of the situations these characters are put into.

This movie was totally engaging. Instead of iscovering motives, you are allowed to revel in the mervng situations Stiller finds himself in.

Benefit Concert To Be Held In The Underground

By KC DRISCOLL

Staff Writer

The Pro-Life Group at Mary Washington College will be holding a concert in the Underground to benefit the Birth Right Center in Fredericksburg on Friday, Oct. 20.

Two campus bands, Two Celts and a Frenchman and Ballynoova will perform at the concert, bringing a little of rock and a little of traditional Irish and Scottish music to the scene, respectively.

Sophomore Lawton Clites, one of the guitarists and vocalists of Two Celts and a Frenchman, is pretty excited at the prospect of the whole band playing together.

"We've really only played together once, and that was a practice," Clites said, adding that the group has been "in this sort of configuration for only a few weeks."

Clites said he occasionally plays with Ballynoova as well, adding that Ballynoova's variety of instruments are very eclectic. Recent graduate Erin Brown plays the bodhran in the band, which is a traditional Irish drum. Sophomore Maggie Hummel plays the harp as well as two kinds of whistles, while her sister, junior Elizabeth Hummel plays the Celtic flute and the tin whistle.

The Pro-Life Group, which is sponsoring the concert, fights against abortion, the death penalty and euthanasia. It also spends its time contributing to the community, through activities such as visiting nursing homes and homeless shelters.

"Our main goal is to eventually change the laws concerning abortion and death penalty," said Gretchen Schwemer, chair of the Pro-Life Group in the Catholic Student Association board. "But we believe that comes from changing hearts first."

The Pro-Life Group consists of about 30 members and, although it is sponsored by the Catholic Student Association, it is not necessary to be Catholic to become a member.

"We welcome anybody who is interested," Schwemer said. "We are trying to get out there on campus and let people know we are here."

The group has been involved with different activities to raise an awareness of the current issues involved with abortion. The most recent event was a silent prayerful protest against abortion on Route 1 last week.

All of the benefits from the concert will be given to the Birth Right Center in Fredericksburg, an organization that consults women who are dealing with pregnancies and urges them not to have abortions. It provides a supportive atmosphere for women who are in need of assistance, and lets them know their rights and choices when it comes to their pregnancies.

The concert will be held from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at no charge. However, the Pro-Life Group will gladly accept any donations, including any baby supplies for expecting mothers, for the Birth Right Center.

As You Wish: "The Princess Bride" Is Coming To Dodd

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Washington Hall.

"The Princess Bride" is based on a book and screenplay written by William Goldman. The title of the book says, "The Princess Bride: S. Morganstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure" but the title is a huge misconception. According to Brown, many people believe that Goldman's story of "The Princess Bride" is really based on S. Morganstern but S. Morganstern does not exist.

"[Goldman] wrote this story to seem like a reconstruction of events that were told to him by his father but in all actuality, [Goldman] is the true storyteller," Brown said.

"He made this into a modern fairy tale and goes to great depths to create it in the classic fairy tale theme."

The movie will be shown at 10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 at midnight on Saturday, Oct. 28, and at 2

p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29. Since Cheap Seats is showing the movie, the price of admission will still be the normal \$1 fee.

The second showing will allow the viewers to participate in the movie based on the old "Rocky Horror Picture Show" format which will enable the audience to shout out lines that they have memorized from the film, without bothering other members of the audience.

"We know that a lot of people know the lines to the movie," Brown said.

The movie stars Cary Elwes ("Robin Hood: Men in Tights," "Liar Liar") as the hero Wesley and Robin Wright ("Forrest Gump") as Princess Buttercup along with comedians Billy Crystal and Carol Kane, wrestler Andre the Giant, and Columbo star, Peter Falk.

"We expect this to be very successful for the team and Cheap Seats," Corey said. "Still, we think more than anything, this will be a lot of fun."



Cary Elwes and Robin Wright star in "The Princess Bride," coming soon to Dodd.



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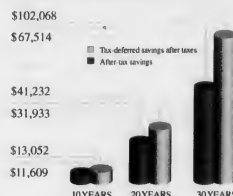
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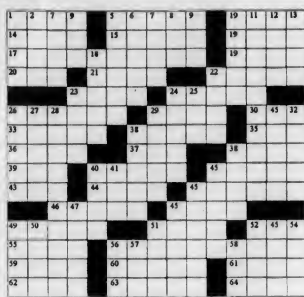


Crossword

By Ed Canty

"The Whole Ball of Wax"

- ACROSS**
- 1 Murder
 - 5 Transported
 - 10 55 Across Garments
 - 14 Horseless carriage
 - 15 Surrender cry
 - 16 Wise guy
 - 17 Shortstop's forte
 - 19 Crossword puzzle aid
 - 20 Theological sch.
 - 21 First mate
 - 22 Felt ill
 - 23 Higher
 - 24 Ham specialty
 - 26 Holy
 - 29 IOU in a way
 - 30 Fed. protection agcy.
 - 33 Fruits
 - 34 Daytime dramas
 - 35 Suet
 - 36 Sea eagles
 - 37 Sculler's need
 - 38 Detergent brand
 - 39 Vietnam Veterans Memorial sculptor
 - 40 Hauls
 - 42 Wrap
 - 43 Constellation
 - 44 Brews
 - 45 Coercion
 - 46 Christens
 - 48 Capital of Latvia
 - 49 News Network
 - 51 Body fluids
 - 52 Newspaper-Slang
 - 55 Riyadh native
 - 56 Chubby person
 - 59 High Stadium
 - 60 Pushers' customers
 - 61 Summit
 - 62 Colorless
 - 63 Railroad station
 - 64 North Carolina's Smith
- DOWN**
- 1 Droops
 - 2 Angrier's need
 - 3 Particle
 - 4 bet



- 5 Started to flower
- 6 Open, in a way
- 7 Bamboozle
- 8 Building extension
- 9 Pa. neighbor
- 10 Computer acronym
- 11 Dynamic person
- 12 Chills and fever
- 13 Follows top
- 18 Church parts
- 22 Turnbale
- 23 Hockey great & family
- 24 Raises
- 25 Current unit
- 26 Hex
- 27 High nest
- 28 Ungraceful dive
- 29 Tranches
- 31 Male parents
- 32 Belongs to sun god
- 34 Infections
- 38 Scarlett's home
- 40 Arrived
- 41 Brew

- 42 Sweet thing
- 45 Most critical
- 47 "Three Tall Women" playwright
- 48 Backward Prefix
- 49 Vacation home
- 50 Song
- 51 Up or down lead in
- 52 Indy 500 a.g.
- 53 Master
- 54 Singer Campbell
- 56 Comedian Abbott
- 57 Employ
- 58 Evil

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The answer to this week's crossword will appear in the next Bulletin.

Goal Seven Benefits Future In World Market

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And the language classes are no exception.

The professors are not out to see you fail miserably in the subject - they want to see you learn the language and be able to use it to some degree. And I do know what it is like to take the lower level language classes—I took Spanish and Italian in addition to my French major classes, and I did have to study for them.

But there is an advantage to all this. Now when I go to Spain and Italy on my travels, I won't seem as much of an ignorant tourist since I will at least be able to understand what people are saying and even talk back!

I know for many Americans, this may come as a surprise, but learning another language other than English is actually good for you. Believe it or not, it's beneficial. It makes you more marketable in the job hunt, it shows you are more cultured and are interested in learning more than just your surroundings, and it enables you to compete with your foreign counterparts, who speak English just about as well as you do.

Most Europeans not only speak their native tongue, but also English and usually another language as well. I've become friends with a lot of Germans studying here in France, and they all speak English fluently, almost as well as they speak German. And when we go out together we speak French, since we are in France.

I am teaching English conversation at the university here and one of the exercises I did with my first year students was to talk about stereotypes, our stereotypes of the French and their stereotypes of Americans, and they all said that they thought Americans were rather obnoxious and ignorant due to the fact that they expect everyone to speak English no matter where they are.

I know most people think that the French hate

Americans, especially the Parisians. And, that's not exactly a lie. They admire Americans, and think of the United States as a dream country, but they really dislike the tourists who come and don't even bother to try to speak French, the ones who just start talking in English because they assume that whoever they are talking to will understand.

Because of this, most French people assume that all Americans who come to France don't speak any French and that annoys me a bit, but that is a different story.

The French are just tired of people assuming that they speak English, and would like people to at least make an effort to speak French, no matter how terrible it is. You would be amazed at the change in attitude after that. I want all you Mary Washington students to realize that you have it easy here. Your language classes really aren't so tough compared to what the students have to do here in Europe. Most have studied English or another language for at least eight years before coming to the university because they are obligated to learn another language.

Then at the university they usually have to take a grammar and vocabulary course along with a conversation course, which is what I teach. And the classes are much more difficult and they do not have the option of going to another school to find an easier class. There are so many differences that I could go on and on.

The United States may win in terms of technology and other things, but in terms of language, we are rather far behind. English isn't the only language in the world, and in a world that is increasingly globalized, it would do us well to remember that.

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Class of 2000

RU-486 Did Not Increase Abortions In Europe

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Sweden and the United Kingdom did not increase when RU-486 was introduced. Some women simply switched methods from a surgical abortion to this pill, according to the Childbirth by Choice Trust.

Despite what Moran and Lucas' claim, RU-486 should be "celebrated as a wonderful step bringing women greater control over their bodies." As many as 1,800 doctors have already taken official training classes to prescribe RU-486. That is nearly 2,000 more doctors willing to perform abortions for women that may not have had the option before because of lack of clinics in their areas. States like North Dakota only have one abortion provider for the entire state! Women are being offered not only the choice to control their reproductive functions but to also decide how to terminate an unwanted pregnancy.

I do understand that there will always be anti-choice forces working against reproductive progress for women. What I will not stand by and watch is students

giving only one half of the story and using very slanted words such as "killing," "mother," "child," "tearing the child limb from limb," and "unborn child." Guilt and damnation are not the way to inform anyone. It is coercion and brainwashing.

Freedom of choice goes far beyond the legality of abortion and the availability of birth control. It is a belief that women need to be allowed not only to make these decisions and others but also to be able to make informed decisions.

Rejoiced when I found out that RU-486 had finally been approved. I was exalted to be reassured that a vocal minority cannot sway the medical profession. All women can relax today knowing they have won a little progress. However, we cannot rest long because close around the corner the vocal minority is looking for new ways to dictate what to do with my body and yours.

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Wood Company Served Plate Of Analysis

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While the corporate ladder is very real, the only ones who want to climb it are the managers who have some vested interest in the Wood Company.

The poor work environment stems from the fact that while they advertise "the best wages on campus," the truth is that the pay is woefully inadequate for the amount of work that has to be done. I can get a job at a gas station—starting out—for more than what is paid by the Wood Company.

In addition, the Wood Company does not publish its pay scales. The result is that one employee may make \$6.00 for an hour of work, while another (just hired) may make a whopping \$6.25 an hour.

The Wood Company makes it a policy to grant raises only after the first year of work, meaning that first employee is being ripped off—and has no recourse but to quit. This is horribly demoralizing, and virtually guarantees that employees will not be inclined to trust their employer.

Have you noticed that, if you are living on campus, you are required to sign up for a meal plan? This means that, whether or not you use all your meals, you are still giving the Wood Company your money.

The Wood Company, for all intents and purposes, is a monopoly. They are the only place you can spend your flex and use your meals, and so (because they get your money whether you like it or not) they have absolutely no incentive to make the food or service any better.

Sure, it makes good PR for them to have an "Austin Powers Night," but they don't care if you eat there; the food that you would have eaten can now be used some other time.

And speaking of food, I have heard many complaints

that the food served in Seacobeck is just plain bad.

There is a reason for this: most of the food served at Seacobeck comes from a can from a company called Cisco, in Texas. The reason is that there is simply not enough preparation space in the Seacobeck kitchen to cook meals for a thousand students and run a catering operation. Many a time have I seen the cooks (and make no mistake, the average cook doesn't stay all that long, either; they hate their jobs too) preparing the food for a wedding reception while the students are served food that has been sitting in a hot bin for five hours.

And so the problems at Seacobeck are really more than skin deep. A demoralized workforce and an elitist management mean that things that need to be done (like setting out clean glasses) are not done when needed. The food is poor because the Wood Company has no incentive to make it any better. The workforce itself is unhappy because there is the pervasive feeling that the management is playing with a stacked deck. Employees must work so hard and do so many things at one time that they are often exhausted and in poor spirits. Students are unhappy because the food is of poor quality and there is really no way to express their discontent (except through letters to The Bulletin).

Meanwhile, the Wood Company is happy because they get "Budget Busters" awards from Corporate headquarters, and a sweetheart contract with the college that means they get a certain amount of money from each student no matter how well they do their job.

The best way I see to rectify the situation (short of revoking the Wood Company's contract with

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Maintain Standard Operations For Dining

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getting on 1-95 at 5 a.m. or p.m. is just not a good idea. But people find alternate routes or take the highway at later times when the traffic is not that bad. Catch my drift?

It is a matter of finding a different time to eat there, heading down to the Eagle's Nest or picking up a cheeseburger in the Rose Room.

The effort and service of the company should not brand it as a public enemy. Sometimes, the food quality itself is something left to be desired.

However, I stand behind the company in their effort

RU-486 Is Personal, Not Political Issue

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Right to Life Committee, as did the Oct. 5 guest column in The Bulletin ("RU-486 Draws Opposition"). The National Right to Life Committee is the sort of source which only provides information that supports its own objectives. This is the kind of information which should be looked upon with skepticism.

While emotions run high surrounding this issue, it is inappropriate to enforce one's personal feelings on someone else. We live in a country where government and religion are meant to be kept separate.

In September 1998, Roussel-Uclaf, the French manufacturer of RU-486, suspended its distribution due

to protests from anti-abortion groups. Two days later the

French health minister ordered the company to resume distribution in the interests of public health. Public health, not personal choice, is the domain of the government.

On his third day in office, President Clinton lifted the ban on RU-486 and ordered the FDA to begin testing. Now it has been approved. Twelve years of use in other countries and years of testing in the United States indicate that this is a safe drug for use. That is the only decision on the subject that the government is in a position to make.

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Admissions Tougher On Transfers

By CATHERINE KOHLER
Staff Writer

Mary Washington College admitted only 110 transfer students this fall, compared to last year's 183, as a result of the unexpectedly large freshmen classes from this fall and last fall. While 299 transfer candidates were offered enrollment for the fall of last year, only 189 candidates were offered enrollment this year, a difference of 110.

Because of the steady increase in freshmen enrollment over the past two years, the criteria for transfer candidates went up, and soon the criteria for incoming freshmen will rise as well in order to keep the college at its targeted student body total of 4,000, said Martin Wilder, vice president for enrollment management and dean of admissions.

"Transfer students is one area that we can control," said Wilder, who is the chair of the enrollment planning committee, which consists of various administrative members from such offices as Student Affairs, Residence Life and Housing and Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research.

According to Wilder, the office of admissions drastically cut back on the number of transfer students admitted to the college in order to compensate for the large freshmen classes of 841 last fall and 854 this fall.

"The college didn't accept any transfer students from the waiting list," Wilder said. "[Admissions] basically had to slam the door."

"It was really tough getting in here," said third-year transfer Ryan Findley, who had a GPA of 3.5 at his former school, York College in Pennsylvania.

According to Wilder, the enrollment for transfer students for next semester and next year will be just as competitive, if not more competitive.

"There will be a limited number of spaces [for transfer students] in January and most likely next fall as well," said Wilder.

The freshmen enrollment is not as easily controlled as transfer enrollment according to Wilder. Fewer applicants this fall were

actually offered admission to the college compared to last fall, however the percentage of acceptance went up by three percent.

According to the Office of Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research, on an average the college offers admission to 55 percent of its applicants, and on an average 34 percent usually accept. The number jumped this fall to 37 percent.

"In studying the demographics, [Admissions] didn't foresee that so many [freshmen] would be coming," Wilder said, who pointed out that many other Virginia public schools are running into the same problem.

Longwood College's freshmen class, which totaled 818 last fall and 816 the fall before that, increased to 896 this fall. George Mason University's freshmen class also increased with 39 more freshmen admitted this fall than were previously admitted.

According to Wilder, the increase in the freshman acceptance rate came mostly from in-state applicants, which is most likely a result of a statewide tuition cut.

The increase came mostly from male applicants, Wilder said. This year's freshmen class has a male/female ratio of 30 percent male to 70 percent female, according to the Office of Planning, Assessment and Institutional Research, which is a little more balanced than last year's ratio of 26 percent male to 74 percent female.

According to John Morello, assistant vice president of academic affairs, class sizes were affected only mildly by the 43 additional freshmen. Almost 380 seats were added to several 100 and 200 level courses that fulfill general education or across-the-curriculum requirements.



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Dean of Admissions Martin Wilder said that admissions is now more selective.

Only 134 of those additional seats are now occupied.

"It is important to keep in mind that [the classes with additional seats] are only a fraction of the total courses taught on campus," Morello said.

The Office of Residence Life and Housing, on the other hand, did have to make a few adjustments for this year's unexpectedly large freshmen class.

"I originally decided to live in a co-ed dorm, but I got put in Virginia Hall," said freshman Morgan Drisco, who is in a triple with two other roommates who are dealing with the same situation.

The Office of Admissions might have to take measures to ensure that overcrowding problems will not become an issue.

"I have a feeling that [the college] will have to be more selective about enrollment in upcoming years," Wilder said.

Faculty Tables Gen Ed Motion

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microeconomics course from John Tyler Community College in Richmond this past summer, but is not against the proposed credit limit.

"Honestly, I don't really care," Agee said. "I don't think it will really make a big difference."

The Academic Affairs Committee first introduced the motion regarding the transfer of general education requirements at the April 5 faculty meeting, but it was voted down and resubmitted to the committee for clarification.

According to Craig Vasey, professor of philosophy, chair of the department of classics, philosophy and religion, and president of the Faculty Senate, concerns such as applicability to study abroad, whether it would affect BLS students as well, and whether across the curriculum courses were included in the motion, were addressed at the April meeting.

"Faculty [members] were sending the committee the signal that they thought the motion needed to be rethought," Vasey said.

The current motion, brought before the Faculty Senate meeting last week, reads as follows:

"After [students] have matriculated as degree-seeking students, they will be allowed to transfer no more than three courses for General Education credit in Goals 1-7."

According to the submitted motion, limiting the number of general education transfer credits will make an assertion about the importance of Mary Washington College's liberal arts mission and general education program, and it will stop the abuse of a small minority of students who avoid general education courses at the college.

Information gathered by the Academic Affairs Committee reported that for the 1998-1999 school year, 504 courses were transferred in to fulfill general education requirements out of a total of 791 courses transferred in by students.

Elizabeth Lewis, assistant professor of Spanish and chair of the faculty Academic Affairs Committee, reinforced the main thrust of the motion at the senate meeting.

"The committee's major impetus behind this motion is that the general education requirement is very important to this college," she said.

However, the research conducted by the Academic Affairs Committee showed that the majority of students are transferring general

education credits in order to fill the foreign language requirement. According to Lewis, the current class of 2001 transferred a total of 325 credits, 209 of which were in foreign language classes.

Richard Warner, professor of history and member of the Faculty Senate, expressed concern over what exactly is the real issue behind the motion.

"What we ought to address here is the real question of the language problem," Warner said at the meeting. "The motion at hand is hiding the real issue. It needs to focus more precisely on the fulfillment of foreign language requirements."

Lewis wants to remain focused on the motion as it stands.

"We had no idea that our research would uncover the gaping inequities in students taking foreign language off campus versus other kinds of gen eds," Lewis said. "The foreign language issue is in my mind separate from this motion."

Kakava is also concerned that the current motion does not address the foreign language issue.

"The current proposal does not address this concern, since it allows three gen ed courses to be transferred in. In other words three-quarters of the foreign language required courses," she said.

From the student perspective, Opp thinks the motion at hand is more concerned with the integrity of a Mary Washington College education and not the foreign language requirement.

"The motion before the Faculty Senate would not prevent students from satisfying the foreign language requirement outside Mary Washington College," Opp said.

Despite such disagreement, Vasey asserts that the lack of student opinion was the objective in tabling the motion.

"Some concerns regarding the language requirement were raised, but I do not think that the main reason for tabling the motion is to reflect on whether or not it is crafted carefully enough to address the real problem," Vasey said.

Junior Katie Jantzi does not want student opinion to be overlooked.

"This is an issue that can be debated both ways," Jantzi said. "But it is not fair to disregard student input on the matter."

Lewis said she will continue to push this motion even if student opinion is against it.

"I believe it is good for the college, and more importantly is good for our students," she said.

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